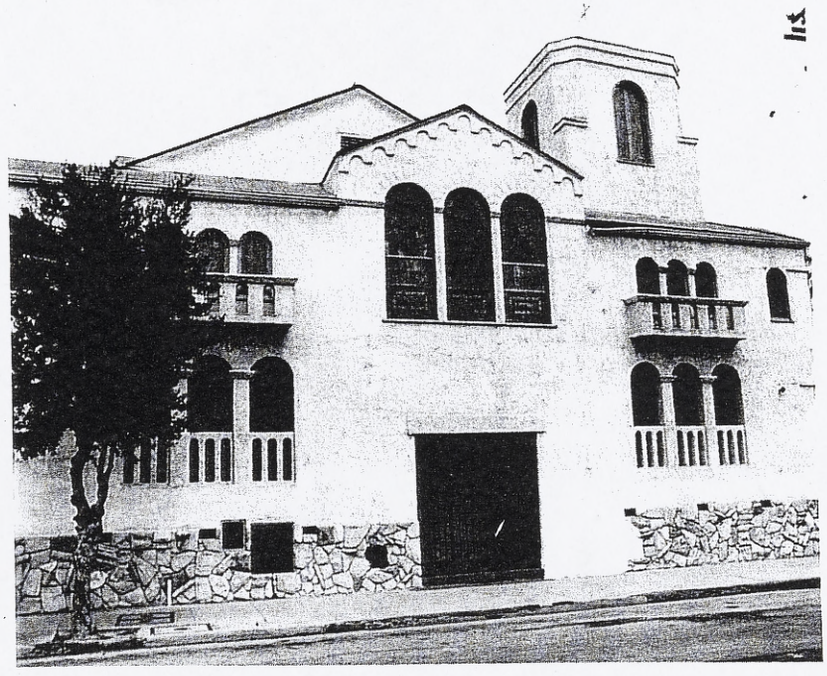
# State Commemorative Services
for

# Elder Lincoln Fuller

*Sunrise ~ February 12, 1925* *Sunset ~ March 11, 1999*



*Funeral Service -*
*Thursday March 18, 1999 10:00 a.m.*

## Emmanuel Church of God In Christ

*1399 East Thirty-Third Street Los Angeles, California*
*Bishop Charles E. Blake,*
*Jurisdictional Prelate Officiating*

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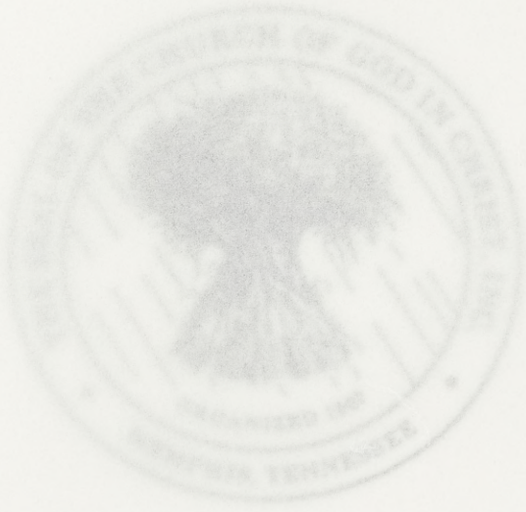

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# Memorial Service
of
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*Wednesday, March 17, 1999 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.*

## Order of Service

*Prelude*

Master of Ceremony - Elder Wilbert Jones, Jr.

Ministry in Music....."*Beautiful Garden of Prayer*".....Emmanuel Choirs
Invocation.....Eld. Carlton Campbell
Old Testament Scripture.....Eld. LaFayette Wilson
New Testament Scripture.....Eld. Cornelius Johnson
Ministry In Music....."*I Shall Wear A Crown*"..... Emmanuel Choirs
Reflections.....(2 minutes each please)
Emmanuel Women's Depart.....Dr. Kathryn Bankhead, *Church Mother*
Emmanuel Fellowship Dist.....Evang. Helen Davis, Dist. *Missy.*
Emmanuel Evangelist Board.....Evang. Martha Alley, Pres.
Youth Department.....Evang. Ola Alexander, *Youth Mother*
Prayer & Bible Band.....Missy. Mattie Douglas, *Pres.*
Pastoral Robing Committee.....Mother Doris Anthony
Home & Foreign Mission.....Evang. Mattie Eskridge, *Pres.*
Pastor's Aide.....Sis. Dorothy Hurley, *Pres.*
Ministry In Music....."*Peace Be Still*"..... Emmanuel Choirs
Board of Directors/Pastor's Council.....Deacon Hiram Wilbourne
Elders and Ministers.....Min. William Green
Deacons & Brotherhood.....Deacon John Alley
General Sunday School.....Supt. James Eskridge
YPWW.....Min.Tyrone Spears, *Asst. Youth Dir.*
Solo.....Sis. Althea L. Howard
Tribute.....Evang. Mary Snow

Eld. Prince Sykes, Pastor
Dr. Ronald Bridgett,
Closing Remarks.....Bishop F.J. Goodman, *Prelate Southern California Evangelistic Jurisdiction*

*Postlude*

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*Processional*

Master of Ceremony - Elder Robert Cole

Invocation..... Elder Reginald Sims
Scripture: Old Testament.....Elder Rudolph Leonard
New Testament.....Elder Carlton Campbell
Choir....."Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**Expressions.....(*3 min. please*)**

Family.....Elder Nathaniel Nicholson
Church Family.....Elder Wilbert Jones, Jr.
Pastors.....Elder J.W. Mayfield
Superintendents.....Elder Mack Trimble
Womens Department.....Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis
*State Supervisor of Women*
Choir.....Order My Steps
Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Helen James

**Resolutions:**
Emmanuel Church of God In Christ
Southern California First Jurisdiction

Obituary.....In Silence.....Evang. Helen Davis
Solo....."In Your Presence Lord".....Ms. Matilda Haywood
Eulogy.....Bishop Charles E. Blake, *Prelate Southern California, First Jurisdiction*

**Parting View**
**Recessional**
Interment Inglewood Cemetery

# Obituary

Lincoln Fuller was born February 12, 1925 to Rev. Aaron Q. Fuller and Mrs. Carrie C. Fuller in Honeygrove, Texas - the thirteenth child of thirteen children. He attended Anderson High School in Denison. The son of a farmer, he enjoyed the rigors of outdoor life and often recounted the thrill of a good hunting trip.

Elder Fuller moved to Los Angeles, California in 1943 and continued his education. Drafted into the Navy and twice set for Germany, prayers and providence stayed the ships, God having some better thing for him. (His long time Navy friend, John Alley, would later become head deacon of his church.) He retired from a satisfying career with the City of Los Angeles.

He attended House of Prayer Church pastored by his brother, Elder Ollie Fuller, and was saved under Mother Maud Bolden in 1947. The dashing young "Lincoln" met the beautiful "Shirley Salter" and on May 29, 1947, took her to be his bride. They were blessed with "specially chosen" sons and daughters. With generous hospitality, they hosted dinners, youth activities, and entertained newcomers. Elder Fuller travelled as an Evangelist promoting the anthem of his life, the salvation of the lost.

In 1951, Elder and Mrs. Fuller joined the great Emmanuel Church of God In Christ and commenced his lifelong dedication of service there. Sitting under tutelage of the late Great Bishop S.M. Crouch, he became Youth Minister of Emmanuel. Elder Fuller often attended jail ministeries and his wife could be found on the piano with the children. He served in the State Youth Department under Elder Paul Green and Elder J.W. Mayfield. Elder Fuller was the third man of the "tripartite" of Emmanuel leadership with then Assistant Pastor, Eld. LeRoy Mardis, led by Bishop Crouch. He was often observed in consultation with the Bishop. He later matriculated to Assistant Pastor to the late Elder Mardis. After pouring his life into Emmanuel, it seemed fitting that God would call him to be its Shephard as Pastor.

In 1992, Elder Lincoln Fuller became Pastor of Emmanuel Church of God In Christ. Taking his responsibitliy as Shephard of the souls of his flock seriously, he emphasized "Holy Living" and with a perpetual Evangelist's heart, reminded all that there is a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun. He enjoyed six Anniversaries, and unselfishly required that all gifts be directed to the church itself. He served as Superintendent of the Emmanual Fellowship District. In 1995 Pastor Fuller dedicated the S.M. Crouch Memorial Hall replete with personal photographs of the life of Bishop Crouch. An historical monument, the Hall also contains formal portraits of the various National, State and Local Leaders and Mothers of the Churches of God In Christ from its inception to the present! A testiment to his great love, dedication and fortitude, Elder Fuller continued to feed his flock even through adversity.

Elder Fuller was a faithful husband and a devoted father and grandfather. He leaves to cherish his memory, Mrs. Shirley M. Fuller; brother, Mr. Joel Fuller; Nephew, Rev. & Mrs. Nathaniel Nicholson; Nieces, Mrs. Dorothy Maywood, Mrs. Ida Flournoy of New Jersey and Mrs. Annette Reynolds of Amarillo Texas, Mrs. Juanita De Horney of Phoenix Arizona as well as, adopted daughter, LaShanda Bell Parks & Derek Parks, God children, April Evans,Chalee Drinkard and Thomas Brown and Jamie Brown, and without a doubt the apple of "Pa-pa's" eye, grandson Thomas Brown Jr., known as "little T" and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a great-niece he and Mrs. Fuller raised, Joann Fuller.

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*Laurence Cleaves* — *Tommy James*
*James Eskridge* — *Earl Jones*
*McAvalon Hudson Jr.* — *Juniour Slaughter*
*Mance James* — *Hiram Wilbourne*

## Honorary Pallbearers

*Leroy Adams*
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# EMMANUEL

***A legacy bequeathed to the parishioners ...***

## The Ministry of the Pastor and the Church

*As we embark upon another year of pastorate to the Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, I express my thanks and appreciation for your support over the years. United we stand, divided we fall. Let us continue to release God's power through praises.*

*The ministry of the* ***Pastor*** *is to* ***oversee & feed the sheep.*** *While the ministry of the* ***Church*** *is to* ***witness.***

*I refer you to:*
*St. John 21:15-17*
*Acts 20:25-32*
*Acts 1:8*
*St. Matthew 28:18-20*
*2 Timothy 3:15-17*

*According to Matthew 28:18-20 - Jesus said He would be with us always. If we desire Jesus to be with us always, we must follow His instruction unto death and He will give us a* ***crown of life.***

*May God continue to guide and bless your life as you celebrate his love through the ministry.*

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